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Altha J. Stewart, M.D., is a psychiatric consultant, healthcare administrator, and nationally recognized expert in public sector and minority issues in mental health care. She currently serves as Executive Director for ***Just Care Family Network***, Memphis' federally funded System of Care program for children with serious emotional disorders and their families. Prior to this she served as Executive Director of the SAMHSA/CMHS funded National Leadership Council on African-American Behavioral Health (NLC). From 1999-2002, Dr. Stewart served as Executive Director of Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, one of the largest public mental health systems in the US, with a budget of over \$500 million. She worked for over a decade as CEO and Executive Director in large public mental health systems in Pennsylvania and New York, overseeing the management and development of programs for persons with mental illness and substance use disorders.

An invited participant at the historic 1999 *White House Conference on Mental Health*, Dr. Stewart is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the 2001 *Welcome Back Award in Psychiatry* sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company, 2002 NAMI *Exemplary Psychiatrist Award*, the 2003 *Pathfinders in Medicine Award* from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, and the 2006 American Psychiatric Association's *Alexandra Symonds Award*. A frequent guest on news and public affairs programs discussing mental illness and psychiatric treatment, she has been a featured guest on radio and television discussing mental illness in the African-American community. Dr. Stewart is past president of the American Psychiatric Foundation, the Association of Women Psychiatrists and the Black Psychiatrists of America.

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. Stewart graduated from Christian Brothers University. She completed her medical degree at Temple University Medical School and her residency at Hahnemann University Hospital, both in Philadelphia. She was awarded an honorary *Doctor of Laws* degree from Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts in 2006.